(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to give the same coverage to the viewers of Vidarbha, Marathwada, Western Maharashtra and Konkan and other rural areas of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in the cost of colour TV sets

*58. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of colour TV sets has recently gone up in the country; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Following the increase of excise duty on Colour TV sets of screen size above 36 cms and having a value exceeding Rs. 5000, the consumer price of a number of such CTV sets has gone up by Rs. 250 plus local taxes.

Separate service cadres for AIR and Doordarshan

*59. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to have separate cadres for the Programmes, Engineering and Administration for All India Radio and Doordarshan, which hitherto have been common;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(c) whether Government have also decided to freeze all cases of promotion and also recruitment to these cadres till bifurcation is complete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Computerisation in Banks

*60. PROF. C. LAKSHAMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an agreement on computerisation and mechanisation in Indian banks has been reached between the Indian Banks' Association and the representatives of the bank employees;

(b) if so, the extent to which such mechanisation and computerisation is proposed to be introduced in the accounting and other processes of the banks in the country;

(c) whether Government have made any study for the computerisation in the banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of the settlement, "Advanced Ledger Posting Machines" (ALPMS)/"Advanced Electronic Accounting Machines" (AEAMS) can be installed at certain branches of the bank in metropolitan and other urban centres for the following functions:—

(i) Current Accounts including Overdraft Accounts,